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1. Five general and informal conversations, four in 1948 and one on 19 April 1949, represent the total contact between our organization and the source since his arrest by CIC on 23 December 1945. During the five conversations AVCET's views have been solicited on his possible long range usefulness, his personal plans for the future and, at the latest meeting, he was asked to prepare a theoretical statement on the subject of wartime radio-nets, as requested in MGK-A-6615. This statement ought to be ready within a month.

2. AVCET considers his relationship to our organization as that of an informal, unpaid advisor. He seems perfectly satisfied, in view of his alleged full-time preoccupation with the reconstruction of his factory, to let this relationship continue as is. On our part, we are now satisfied that AVCET has no connection with ODEUM, which is consonant with AVCET's opinions on BAUN and ODEUM as set forth in MGM-A-612, Para. 2.b., and are prepared to continue using him as an occasional source, failing a more specific plan.

3. AVCET appears to be willing to act as cutout or to introduce the case officer to any or all of the four or five specialists from his old Abwehr staff. All of these specialists live at present in the American Zone of Germany and all are highly competent, in AVCET's estimation, to prepare theoretical statements and/or resume work on their special fields in exchange for adequate remuneration. At least two of these specialists worked with AVCET at ECIC in the preparation of study reports, such as the "Manual for the Interrogation of Eastern Cases". One member of AVCET's dispersed braintrust, a presently-unemployed psychologist living near Frankfurt, is a

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specialist on the psychology of Western Asiatics and on the interrogation of suspected Russian agents. A second specialist is AVO CET's former radio chief, now living in northern Bavaria. The third brain-truster is AVO CET's former section head in charge of processing and evaluating operational intelligence. This man lives in Munich.

4. The case officer mentioned to AVO CET that a theoretical statement from his operational intelligence expert on the organization and operation of a research office for the processing and evaluation of this type of intelligence would be greatly appreciated. The case officer went on to say that he personally would be interested in the formation of such an office and felt that an interview with AVO CET's former colleague would be quite to the point. AVO CET agreed, said he would sound out his friend and lay on a conference in the Munich area. In attendance at this conference would be AVO CET, his unnamed friend, L, the case officer, and possibly a third member or two. As delineated in MGM-A-1073, Para 11.a., there is a plan afoot at MOB concerning the development of a small research and filing office to be the repository for operational intelligence on areas of interest to MOB.

5. The only specific proposal so far advanced for the future implementation of AVO CET was aired verbally at MOB by L in late January 1949. The latter mentioned AVO CET as a possible candidate for counter-subversion chief in the future trizonal police force. Although AVO CET's views on this matter have not been sounded out to date, to the case officer's knowledge, the source has made two unsolicited statements which give some clue to his reactions should such an offer be made. AVO CET has stated repeatedly that all police forces in Bavaria are scandalously corrupt and enjoy no sympathy among the population. On the other hand, AVO CET has said that if the future trizonal German government has an intelligence agency of its own, the best German intelligence specialists, most of whom are good nationalists at heart, would flock to join. The knowledge or supposition that the occupation powers were backing such an IS financially were sifting off reports at the top level would not diminish the zeal which most German intelligence personnel would feel if they were offered the chance to work again for a German government. No comments are necessary on the novelty of this idea.

6. For the time being, MOB will continue to use AVO CET as an occasional source and living reference on Abwehr wartime experiences.

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